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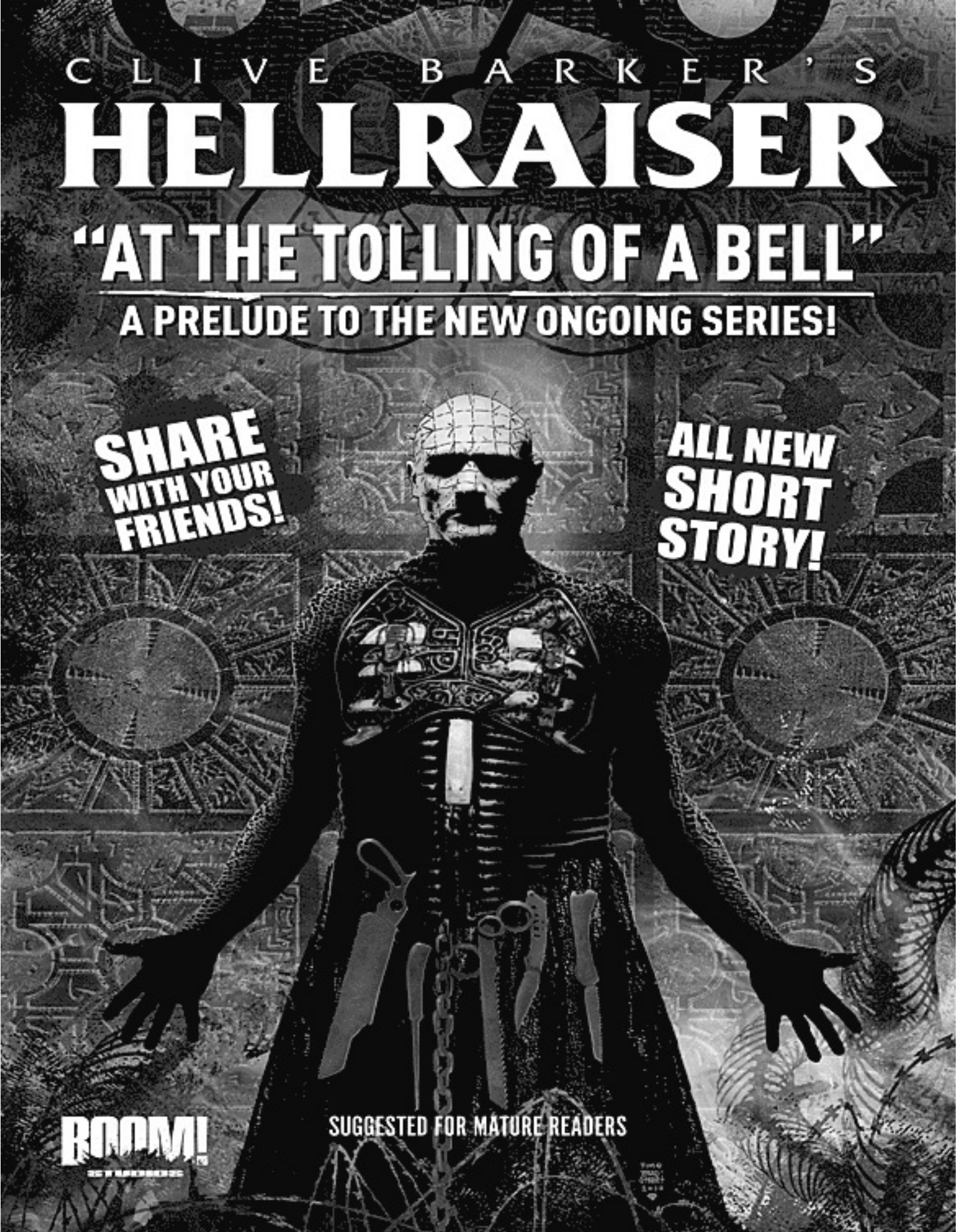
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AFTER YEARS OF CEASELESS NOISE--OF MEN CRYING OUT FOR SOMEONE TO SAVE THEM, SOMEONE TO BLESS THEM, SOMEONE TO REDEEM THEM--THE PENITENTIARY WAS FINALLY ABOUT TO FALL SILENT.
THE PRISONERS WERE BEING TRANSFERRED, AND THE LAST REMAINING MAN ON DEATH ROW WAS ABOUT TO BE EXECUTED.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, SINNER?
WILLIAM BOYLE.
AND I AIN'T NO SINNER.

THEN HOW IS IT YOU'RE ON DEATH ROW?
I DON'T KNOW, FATHER. HOW IS IT A MAN OF THE CLOTH IS GETTING READY TO FRY ME?
WE ALL DO WHAT THE GOOD LORD BIDS US TO DO.
YOU STRANGLED INNOCENT CHILDREN WITH YOUR HANDS...
...WHILE I OFFER THE FLESH OF CHRIST WITH MINE.
I'VE PLACED A LITTLE PUZZLE BOX IN YOUR HANDS. IF YOU CAN SOLVE IT, BOYLE, THERE MAY BE HOPE FOR YOU YET.
WHAT IS IT? I HEAR BELLS...
CLICK
IT'S OPENING!
THERE'S A FIRE BURNING IN MY BRAIN!

PRIEST?
PRIEST!
ARE YOU THERE?
MAKE IT STOP!
CHRIST IN HEAVEN, PUT ME OUT OF MY MISERY, I BEG YOU!
NOT A GOOD WAY TO DIE...BUT ARE THERE ANY?
PLENTY.
ASLEEP.
IN COITUS, OF COURSE.
OR LIKE THIS FELLOW, BOYLE, INNOCENT.

HE WAS INNOCENT?
BUT THE BOX OPENED FOR HIM?
I HAVE NO POWER OVER THE LAMENT CONFIGURATION.
I DO NOT RULE IN HELL. I AM MERELY A SERVANT, WHO ON OCCASION, DRAWS SOME LITTLE SATISFACTION FROM BESTING THE ENEMY.
ENEMY?
I SPEAK OF MEN WITH THEIR DIRTY, NARROW HEARTS, WHO WILL DO ANYTHING TO SEE ONE OF THEIR OWN SUPPER.
LET ME SHOW YOU!
AARRGGGHHHH!

OH
CHRIST
THE
PAIN!
HELP ME... SOMEBODY...
...ANYBODY!
"YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH..."
LORD, EMBRACE ME NOW IN YOUR INFINITE MERCY.

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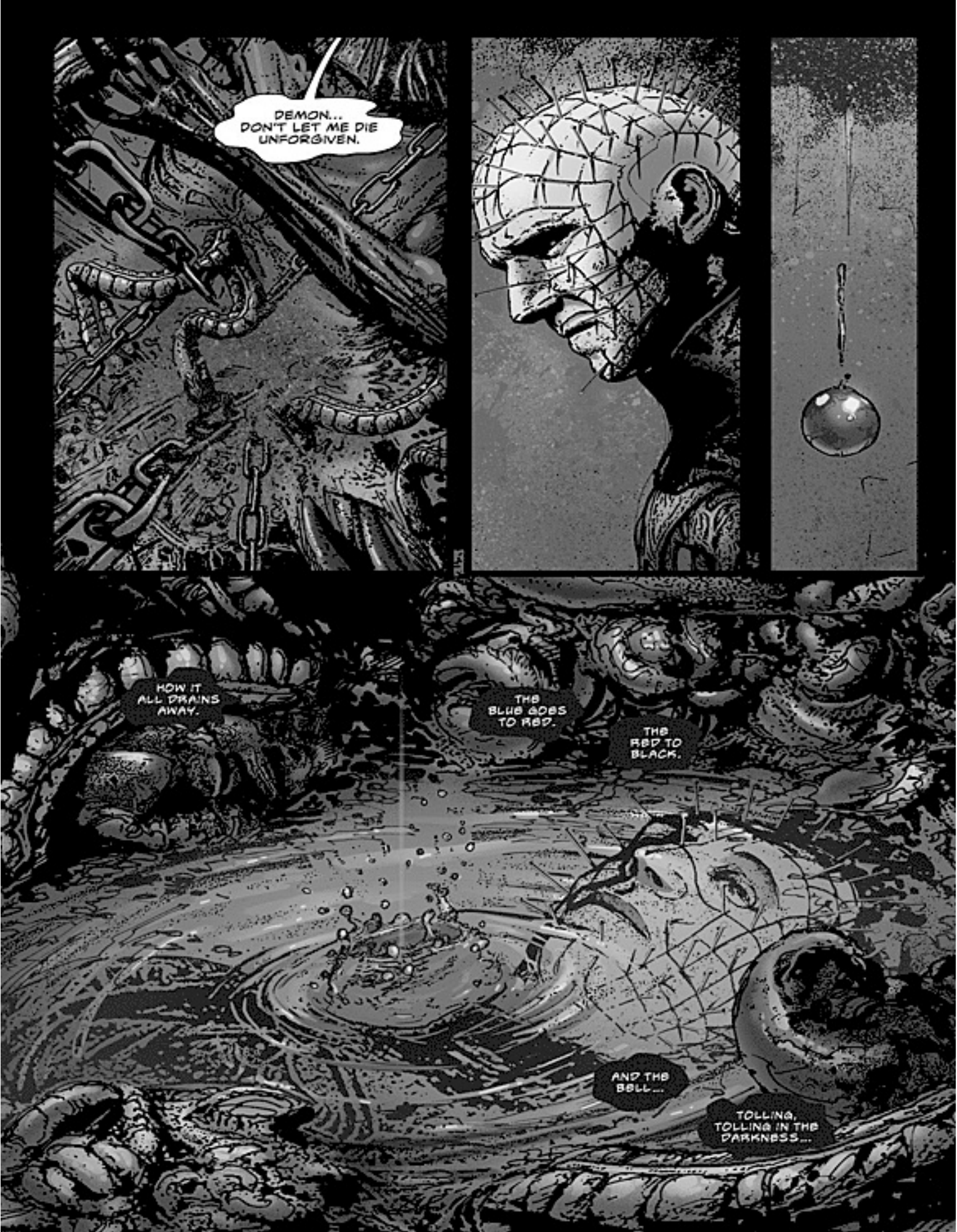
THERE IS NO SUCH THING, FOOL.
GOD, PLEASE SAVE ME.
IT IS FAR TOO LATE FOR SALVATION.
ENOUGH, PLEASE... ENOUGH!

ANGELS IN HEAVEN, HEAR MY CRY!
I'M LISTENING.
IN HEAVEN, I SAID.
WHETHER HELL'S WORK OR HEAVEN'S, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.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HOW IT ALL DRAINS AWAY.
THE BLUE GOES TO RED.
THE RED TO BLACK.
AND THE BELL...
TOLLING. TOLLING IN THE DARKNESS...

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